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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF A US DEFENSE LIAISON
OFFICER TO KENYA

1. SECDEF AND THE JCS HAVE RECOMMENDED IMMEDIATE ACTION
TO INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO SURVEY THE MILITARY POSTURE
IN EAST AFRICA, ESPECIALLY IN THE KENYAN/UGANDAN CONTEXT
BY THE ASSIGNMENT OF A US DEFENSE ATTACHE TO KENYA. WE
HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THIS REQUEST IN TERMS OF
OUR NEAR -- AND LONGER TERM REQUIREMENTS IN RESPECT TO
KENYA, AND HAVE TAKEN YOUR VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT FULLY INTO
ACCOUNT. QUESTION OF DEFENSE ATTACHE ASSIGNMENT IS
UNDER URGENT CONSIDERATION AND WE HAVE AGREED, SUBJECT
TO GOK APPROVAL, TO TDY ASSIGNMENT OF DEFENSE LIAISON
OFFICER TO YOUR STAFF.

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2. ACCORDINGLY, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA AT A SENIOR LEVEL IMMEDIATELY WITH SUCH A PROPOSAL, INDICATING THAT OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE DURING CURRENT SITUATION APPROPRIATE LIAISON

WITH KEY KENYAN MILITARY OFFICERS. PLEASE REQUEST

APPROVAL FOR AN INITIAL 15 DAY ASSIGNMENT WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL 15 DAYS.

3. IF THE GOK AGREES, WE PLAN TO DISPATCH LT. COLONEL OLLIE P. ANDERSON USA TO KENYA EARLY NEXT WEEK. COL. ANDERSON WILL SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY STAFF AND WILL BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE TO YOU UNDER EXISTING PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES.

4. PLEASE ADVISE ON RESPONSE OF GOK AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

5. THIS MESSAGE COORDINATED WITH DOD.
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